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## CLOTHING

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AT LOWEST CASH PRICES,  
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IN FACT EVERYTHING EXCEPT:  
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No. 13 East Main Street.

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**CLOCKS,  
WATCHES  
—AND—  
JEWELRY,  
—ATA—  
Great Sacrifice!**

**Sacrifice \$500.00**  
on my entire stock to any one who wants business and will take the whole lot.  
**H. POST,**  
NO. 19 WATER ST.,  
DECATUR, ILL.

**ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL**  
J. LAUX & BRO., Proprietors.  
North side of the Old Square, Decatur, Illinois  
March 15, 1878—d&w

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"Well, if you ain't the laziest man! Just as though it was going to hurt you any to take this bird to the corner and back!" she went on, as she saw me looking, apparently, for a hole to crawl into, but, in reality, for the broom, which, when I found, I made use of in putting into execution a plan I had formed for weighing the turkey at home.  
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"Twenty-four poun', mum," replied Maggie, coming in.  
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**DRIVEN TO MADNESS**  
—BY—  
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The "Boss Clothier."



That little volcano, whose crater contains some shoddy clothing, lots of venom, and any amount of wind, has at last

## BURSTED!

BUT NOBODY IS HURT.

The people of Decatur and vicinity, indulging the policy of DECATUR'S BOSS CLOTHIER by the overwhelming majority of customers seeking refuge at our store, and exposing that wind-bag.

**The Manufacturing Dodge Breathes Its Last**

and the ceremony is performed by B. STINE, showing the good people, by our past business record of 15 years' standing, that we have stood the test in building up a first-class reputation worthy the immense patronage of our customers, notwithstanding the HOWLING and BARKING OF OUR MAD COMPETITORS.

—OUR STOCK OF—

## CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, &C.,

Speaks for Itself in Quality and Low Prices.

WE TAKE THE PEOPLE BY STORM, as they do not care who manufactures our Goods as long as we can sell them a better class of Goods for less money than any man who claims to manufacture his own.

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—IN—  
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BLANKETS,  
DRESS GOODS**

—AND—  
**Winter Fabrics.**

We open this morning a Large Stock of FINE DRESS and POLYMER PATTERNS, recently purchased in New York, at from one-third to one-half of retail value, and will offer them at Astonishingly Low Prices to those who buy quickly. These goods are suitable for the fine trade and very desirable, and will not last long at these low prices.

**Imported Cloaks!**  
All wool, plain and diamond Boxers, (slightly trimmed), at \$9 and \$10, reduced from \$12 and \$15; all wool CLOAKS down to \$10 and \$12; all wool CLOTH CIRCULARS, nicely trimmed, at \$4, reduced from \$10

**—BLANKETS—**  
Extra large all-wool Western Blankets at \$2.75; factory prices, \$4.00. Extra large, heavy, at \$3.00, reduced from \$4.00. All \$3.00 and \$4.00 Blankets reduced to \$1.75, \$2.00, and \$2.50 a pair.

**—ZEPHYR JACKETS—**  
And HOODS, for Misses and Children; Ladies' "Mink", "Mink", and Boys' "MINK" UNDERWEAR and HOSIERY

**CREATLY REDUCED.**  
All FLANNELS and WINTER GOODS at your own prices.

Call early and examine  
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**SMOKED AND CURED MEATS.**

**WEST SIDE OF THE OLD SQUARE**  
We have on hand a choice lot of Smoked Cured Ham at 10 cents per pound; Smoked Cured Shoulders at 7 cents per pound; Lard at 10 cents per pound; Sliced Ham at 15 cents per pound

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The Grandest Display in the City,  
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**J. M. STOOKEY & CO.,**  
NO. 12 MERCHANT ST.  
Three doors North of Heilman's grocery store.  
Dec. 11—d&w

**MATHUSHEK. O. H. DECKER.**  
**MERRY**

**Western Cottage**

I have about SIXTY WESTERN COTTAGE and PRESCOTT ORGANS in stock and with my Agents; extra inducements will be offered during the Holidays, and lower prices guaranteed than can be found elsewhere.

**PRESCOTT.**

The most Elegant Gift you could make is one of my MATHUSHEK or DECKER PIANOS, or WESTERN COTTAGE ORGANS. 7 1/2 OCTAVE PIANOS, fully warranted, from \$150 to \$500.

**C. B. PRESCOTT,**  
Post Office Block, Decatur, Ill.

## THE NEW WHITE!



The most Handsome, Best Constructed, Silent, Rapid, and Life-Long Sewing Machine made, BUT TO FIND IT IN THE WHOLE MACHINE. Every machine warranted for three years. I also sell the

**Singer, Victor, DAUNTLESS, and NEW AMERICAN.**

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**SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED.**  
**GEO. P. BLUME,**  
Opposite the Postoffice, Decatur,  
Nov. 25, 1878—d&w

**IN BANKCY--NO. 2260.**  
In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois.

In the matter of Julius H. Vennigerbank, bankrupt.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in said court by said Julius H. Vennigerbank, of Decatur, in said county of Macon, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 3d, 1867, and the amendments thereto, county of Macon, in said district, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 20th day of January, A. D. 1879, at eleven o'clock A. M. is assigned for the hearing of the same by the said court, at the United States Court Room in the City of Springfield, when and where all creditors of said bankrupt, and all other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

GEO. F. BOWEN, Clerk.  
Dated at Springfield, Dec. 18th, 1878.  
Dec. 20—d&w

**ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I was appointed Assignee of the estate of Frank B. Green, of Decatur, Illinois, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1878. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said Frank B. Green, or who are entitled to make immediate settlement, are hereby notified to present their claims under oath or affirmation to me within three months from this date, in the county court of Macon county, Illinois.

W. C. JONES, Attorney for Assignee.  
Dated December 6, 1878—d&w

**EXECUTORS' NOTICE.**  
Estate of BENJAMIN SAWYER, deceased.  
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Decatur, Ill. Dec. 18, A. D. 1878.  
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## DECATUR Vinegar Factory!

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**Pure Clear and White Wine Vinegar**  
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**Harpstrie & Schlandeman.**  
May 8—d&w

**ATTACHMENT NOTICE.**

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Dec. 28—d&w1w

It will pay you to look at Barber & Baker's stock of Boots and Shoes before purchasing.  
Sept 21—d&w1f

BUCK GLOVES and elegant neck wear for gents, at F. Holt & Anderson's  
dec 2—d&w1m

Try a sack of Shellabarger's "White Leaf"—new patent process flour  
Dec. 18—d&w1f

None Such—All the latest charming, unique and attractive styles of Ladies' Slippers, at Ferri's.  
Oct 1—d&w1f

Silk Handkerchiefs, Ties, Bows, Buck-ings, Cuffs and Collars, in sets, and with-out sets, and lace sets, all fresh new goods, the latest styles, a suitable and useful present, you can find the largest stock at the lowest prices at  
Goldburg's.  
Dec. 18—d&w1f

The Old Dominion Buck Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets, for ladies and gents, are reduced in price, and are the best gloves on the American continent, at any price. To be had only of LUX & SONS  
Oct. 31—d&w1f

Corsets, Ladies' Underwear in merino and muslin, Hosiery and Gloves, Knit Hoods, Ulsters, Sacques, for children, you can find the goods cheaper than any other place at Goldburg's  
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A Large Stock of Plated and Fancy Jewelry you can buy cheap at  
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Men's, boys' and youths' overcoats—best in the market—at  
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Nov. 26, 1878—d&w1f

IN BANK KYC—NO. 2260.  
In the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois.

In the matter of Julius H. Vonnigerholz, bankrupt.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed in said court by said Julius H. Vonnigerholz, of Decatur, in the county of Macon, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 3d, 1867, and the amendments thereto, for a discharge and appointment of a receiver, his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 26th day of January, A. D. 1879, at eleven o'clock A. M., is assigned for the hearing of the same in the county court of the United States Court Room in the City of Springfield, when and where all creditors of said bankrupt, and all other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted. GEO. P. BOWEN, Clerk.  
W. C. JOHNS, Attorney for Petitioner.  
Dated at Springfield, Dec. 19th, 1878.  
Dec. 20—d&w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I was appointed Assignee of the estate of Frank E. Green, of Decatur, Illinois, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1878. All persons having claims and demands against the estate of said Frank E. Green, are hereby notified to present their claims, in writing, to me within three months from this date, in the county court of Macon county, Illinois.

Dated December 6, 1878—d&w

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Estate of BENJAMIN SAWYER, deceased. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Benjamin Sawyer, deceased, to appear before me for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be held at the court-house, in the city of Decatur, on the second Monday of February, A. D. 1879, being the first day of said term.

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W. C. JOHNS, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
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CITY DEPARTMENT.

WE are authorized to announce JOHN A. BURNHAM as a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

**NEW YEAR'S CARDS.**—We have a fine assortment of New Year's cards, embracing all the latest and noblest styles. Gentlemen should leave their orders at once. First come, first served.

**Library Notice.**—The library and reading room will be closed on New Year's Day, according to custom.

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**Additional local news on second page.** Last day of the year 1878.

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The section of the Social Entertainment Club in charge of Mrs. B. K. Durfee, Mrs. Dr. Roberts, Mrs. J. F. Hensch and Mrs. T. T. Roberts, gave an entertainment at Macon Hall, last evening, for the benefit of the poor. Only members of the Club were admitted. The admission was 15 cents, and the receipts were something over \$30, which goes in the poor fund. The programme was very nicely arranged, and progressed smoothly and pleasantly to the end.

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Miss Fannie Shellabarger's character song, with piano accompaniment by Miss Dollie Millikin, was perfectly splendid, the delighted audience bringing the young lady out a second time, when she sang the "Kissing Song," from Evangeline, and left the stage amidst the wildest applause.

Song—"Those Evening Bells," by the Wessels Family, Charlie singing the solos. Charlie was brought out again, when he favored the audience with a pleasing lullaby.

The entertainment closed with three beautiful tableaux, entitled "Demmitt Darling; or the Fisherman's Return."

The father was represented by Will Roberts, the mother by Florence Carter, the child by little Carrie Griswold, and the angels who hovered around while the mother knelt beside her smiling, dreaming babe, counting her beads, were represented by Misses Lucy and Maggie Roberts, and Bertha Touch.

**A TERRIBLE DEATH.**—Sig Goldstein, who was in Paris, Ill., yesterday, relates a sickening story, depicting the horrible death of Uncle Sam Berlau, a Jewish clothing merchant, which occurred in that place last evening between 4 and 5 o'clock. The old gentleman, who has resided in Paris for years, and was held in the highest esteem by his many acquaintances, had just alighted from his vehicle in front of his clothing house, and was in the act of tying his horse, when the animal became frightened at something and commenced rearing and charging wildly, throwing the old man down, stamping upon him, crushing in his skull, and mutilating his person in a frightful manner. A large crowd gathered, and as soon as possible Mr. Berlau was taken from under the horse's heels and carried into his store, but the life of the merchant had gone out. Deceased was well known to Messrs. Goldstein, "Cheap Charley," and others of this city, who are shocked at learning of Mr. Berlau's tragic death.

**A NEW COMER.**—The following is from the Danville News, of yesterday, and as it may serve to introduce to our people a new comer and pave the way for his introduction to social life here, we print the paragraph:

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**THE GUARDS' SOIRÉE TO-NIGHT.**—The last and most enjoyable social event of the year will occur at the Guards' Armory (Brenneman's Hall) to-night, when a large and fashionable assembly will dance the old year out and the new one in. This military company never fails to entertain their guests in the most hospitable manner, and those who are fortunate in being present will pass the evening very pleasantly. An elegant supper will be served from 11:00 P. M., 1878, to 12:30 A. M., 1879, at "Martin's" popular restaurant. Jeakle and Frank always do credit to themselves and honor to those whom they entertain on such occasions.

**FAST FREIGHT LINE EAST.**—Another fast freight line has been established, to be known as the Wabash and Erie freight line. The route will be from St. Louis to Toledo, over the Wabash; from Toledo to Mansfield, over the Northwestern; from Mansfield to New York, over the Atlantic & Great Western, and New York, Lake Erie & Western railroads.

**SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY.**—"In the early ages of the world perfumes were constantly used, and they have the high sanction of Scriptural authority." The patrons of perfumes at all times have been the most polished people in the world, and in this age no refined couple without the use of some delightful scent like Dr. Price's Unique Perfumes, which are really the gems of all odors.

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CUTTING AFFRAY AT HERVEY CITY.

Further Particulars of the Affair.

From Sheriff Forsythier we gather the following additional particulars in regard to the difficulty between Tucker and Sterrett at Hervey City yesterday.

The Sheriff brought Tucker with him to town last night and lodged him in jail. Tucker tells the story about as follows: He claims that Sterrett had made some remarks about him and his family that were not very complimentary, and that yesterday at Hervey City he saw Sterrett passing his house in a buggy, and calling to him demanded a retraction. An altercation ensued in which Sterrett fired at Tucker, putting a ball through the shoulder of his coat, just grazing the skin, and another through the coat sleeve just below the elbow which cut quite a little gash in the arm. In return Tucker drew a knife on Sterrett, cutting an ugly gash in the shoulder and another on the arm, and one blow of the knife divided Sterrett's hat and just grazed the side of his head. Had the blow fallen a quarter of an inch further to the right Sterrett's head would have been literally split open. Tucker also had a narrow escape from a fatal pistol shot. The latter is now in jail and his case will be brought before the grand jury. Perhaps Sterrett's story may change the complexion of the affair.

**STILL LATENT.**—This forenoon Capt. O. L. Kendall, of Milan, gave us a somewhat different version of the affair. Saying that Tucker first fired at Sterrett and then Sterrett at him. Capt. Kendall also represents that the people of the vicinity lay the blame on Tucker and exonerate Sterrett. Mrs. Sterrett was in the buggy with her husband when the affair took place.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mamie Kinney has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Terre Haute. The Misses May and Jennie Rogers left on the Midland this noon for Marion, where they will spend New Year's with the friends of their childhood.

Mrs. W. H. Linn and Mrs. T. B. Blackstone will receive calls at the residence of W. H. Linn, on West Main street.

W. W. Swearingen, the druggist, left for Springfield yesterday, on political and private business.

Mrs. J. F. Wolgamot, of Springfield, arrived in the city at noon to-day, and is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Race.

Miss Anna Capps, of Mt. Pulaski, will spend New Year's in Decatur, the guest of Mrs. Wm. P. Shade.

Brown Whitel, who is in the employ of the Wabash railway at East St. Louis, departed for that place yesterday. He has been spending Christmas week at home.

Hon. J. G. Cannon, of Danville, was in the city for a few hours last evening, and called at the Republican office. He will spend New Year's at home, and will leave for Washington, D. C., on Jan. 2d.

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Mike Elustein is still in the city, and has some idea of remaining. He has no intention of running away, having no debts to run away from, and no difficulties of any kind to avoid.

Clare V. Park, son of Virgil Park, is alarmingly ill with typhoid fever at his home on West William street. He was taken on Thursday last and has been growing worse ever since. His life was despaired of this morning, but later intelligence is more encouraging.

**DEPUTIES RECALLY HANDLED.**—After the escape of Sam Chambers and John Geddis from the halls of justice yesterday, as indicated in the Republican of that date, Mr. William Chew and David Shoemaker were deputized and furnished with warrants for the arrest and return of the boys. Thus armed with legal documents, they went in pursuit of the fugitives, and when about two miles south of town the fellows they were looking for rushed out upon them from the brush, with another fellow to help, and seizing the men who held the warrants for their arrest, gave them rather rough handling, and then let them for parts unknown.

**ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.**—The children of James' Chapel will have their Christmas festivities to-night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The programme is varied, embracing vocal music, literary exercises, speech-making, etc., etc. Later on the children will receive presents from a large tree beautifully laden with choice sweetmeats, and such other articles as cannot but fill the hearts of the little folks with rapturous delight. The gifts will be distributed with a lavish hand, and all members of the school, as well as the public generally, are cordially invited to be present. Admission free.

**PARTY IN THE COUNTRY.**—About 10 couple met last evening at the residence of Mrs. Fearn, on North Jackson street, and started in sleighs and sleds for the house of Joe Alexander, about 4 miles northeast of the city accompanied by the Italian band. The party was made up of the following: Ed. Johnson, Jessie Stevens, Joe Alexander, Cora King, Harry Ehrman, Nellie Large, Sherry Tupper, Allie Priest, Ed. Priest, Bina Hatch, Win. Fearn, Louie McKenzie, Arthur Alexander, Etta Hale, Will Hinkle, Anna Burgess, Hester Baldwin and Minnie Wagner. The evening was passed in dancing, and at 11 o'clock all partook of a bountiful and elegant supper. All had a splendid time and Joe's guests will long remember their hospitable reception and entertainment.

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WHERE TO GO.

Of Interest to Callers.

For the convenience of gentlemen who intend to make calls to-morrow we publish the following list of ladies who will "keep open house."

Mrs. J. R. Bacon daughter, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Wolgamot, of Springfield, Mrs. J. A. Close, Mrs. C. L. Griswold, Miss Alexander, of St. Louis, Miss Fannie Shellabarger, Miss Chambers and Miss Hering, will receive calls on New Year's Day from one to eight.

Mrs. George F. Wessels, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Mosser, Miss Maggie Mosser, Mrs. Biliam, Mrs. Dumont and Mrs. Sloan, will receive calls from one to six, corner Eldorado and Jackson streets.

Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger and daughter, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Shellabarger, Misses Stella Mills, Emma Bradshy, Nellie Large and Bettie Ehrman, will receive calls from twelve to seven.

Mrs. C. A. Ewing, Miss Jessie Gillett, Miss Pickrell, Miss Emma Pickrell, Miss Ewing and Miss Roberts, will receive calls with Mr. E. A. Jones and daughters.

Mrs. Judge Greer, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Abbott, together with Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs. Maffit, Miss Kessler, of Delphi, Ind., Miss Nellie Johns, Miss Louie Rosette, of Springfield, and Miss Nellie Durfee, will entertain their friends on New Year's day from one to eight o'clock.

Mrs. James Hawthorn will receive from 2 to 9 P. M., assisted by Mrs. S. D. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Holiday, Mrs. Theo. Nelson, Misses Lena and Louie Hinkle, Nettie Alderson, Lucy Irwin and Mattie Dresback.

Mrs. Isaac Shellabarger and Miss Alice Shellabarger, assisted by Mrs. I. E. Brown and Miss Judd will receive calls on New Year's day from two till eight.

Messrs. D. S. Shellabarger, M. P. Murphy, H. W. Hill, C. M. Imboden and F. Priest, assisted by about forty ladies, whose names are "too numerous to mention," will receive calls on New Year's day and evening, at the Tabernacle, from 9 A. M., until 12 at night.

**WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.**—Miss Nannie McCoy, one of the sewing girls in the employ of Miss L. M. Easton, the dressmaker, turned over a burning lamp in her room over Hubbard & Swearingen's drug store, last evening about 5 o'clock, and in a moment the burning fluid was blazing up the room as if everything inside was on fire. The light attracted the attention of the people on the streets, who rushed up the stairway to the rescue of the inmates. With remarkable presence of mind, Miss Easton grasped a shawl and bravely smothered the flames and extinguished the fire. A Republican reporter visited the scene this morning, and found the carpet where the lamp had fallen badly scorched, but, further than this, no damage was done. With the carpeted floor and gauzy material hanging about the room, it is a splendid place for a fire to get a good start, and had not the flames been so suddenly and effectually checked a terrible conflagration would have taken place. Had the fire communicated with the drug store below, it would have been good-by to that block, which many of our readers will remember was destroyed by fire twenty years ago.

**Y. M. C. A.**—The annual meeting for election of officers, reports of committees of work done the past year, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the rooms of the Association, 20 Merchant street, at 7:30 this (Tuesday) evening. All members are requested to attend, and the public is also cordially invited.

**TURK, COLEMAN, SEC.**

**CONNECTION.**—We desire to say that at the time of the escape of the prisoners Geddis and Chambers from Justice Wood's office Mr. Pringle was not present. He had been out to assist Constable Carter in making the arrests but was not in the office.

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If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHELLABARGER'S. Dec. 18—d4wtf

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ATTRACTIONS:

The following articles have been secured and will be disposed of by votes or tickets. ONE GARLAND STOVE, from Morsehouse & Wells, \$20.00. ONE GOLD-BRAIDED CANE, from W. H. Abbott, (to be voted to the most popular lawyer in Decatur) \$20.00. ONE SILVER WATER SET, from Curtis & Ewing, \$20.00. ONE CHAMBER SET, from Poddecoort & Barrows, \$20.00. ONE PATENT ROCKING CHAIR, from Poddecoort & Barrows, \$20.00. ONE SET MINK FURS, donated by Hays & Hartshorn, \$20.00. One donation by Linn & Scruggs.

The Secretary and Treasurer are to be voted to the Fair Committee—the one receiving the most votes to receive the Secretary, and the other the Treasurer. Numerous other articles will be on exhibition and for sale, particulars of which will be given hereafter. The grandest season of the year is expected. Let all come out. By order of the Dec. 28—dtd BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Ladies' and Gents' Gold Rings—Plain, Chased, Band, and all other styles of Stone Rings.

FINE LINE OF PLATED SETS

Elegant line of Gold and Plated Cut Pins, Cut Buttons, Vest Pins, Shawl Pins, Room Pins, Lace Pins, Safety Pins, Ladies' and Children's Hair Rings, Gents' Gold and Plated Collar Buttons, Scarf Pins, Shirt Studs, Single Studs, Sets of Studs, and Cut Buttons. Our

SILVERWARE DEPARTMENT

Is complete this time, consisting of

Silver Tea Sets, " Water Sets, " Waiters, " Epergnes, " Fruit Dishes, " Berry Dishes with Glass, " Nut Bowls, " Confectionery Stands, " Jewel Caskets, " Toilet Sets, " Cake Baskets, " Butter Dishes, " Bowls for broken ice, " Card Stands, " Pickle Stands, " Jelly Stands, " Flower Vases, " Celery Stands, " Perfume Stands, " Watch Stands, " Mounted Thermometers,

As well as a most elegant array of Castors and Napkin Rings in endless variety.

In Silver Goods, we also possess Sutherland Cases, our stock is unsurpassed. A list of our

Silver Pie Knives, " Portmonnaies, " Sugar Shells, " " with Butter Knife, " Butter Knives, in pairs, " " single, " Child's Sets, " School Sets, " College Sets, " Ice Cream Spoons, " Sugar Tonge, " Nut Picks and Cracks, " Knives and Forks, " Salt Dishes, with spoons, " Soup Ladles, " Gravy Ladles, " Card Cases, " Dessert and Tea Spoons, " Table and Tea Spoons, " Tea and Coffee Spoons, " Ice Cream Scoop, " " and spoons, " Cake Knife and Saw, " Match Boxes, " Cigar Clippers, " Napkin Rings, in pairs or singly.

Our stock of

CLOCKS

Is the largest ever shown in Decatur.

We have French Clocks, 21 day, 15 hour strike, Bronze Clocks, 30 day Clocks, 30 day Clocks, 8 day Clocks, in apron and weight, 1 day Clocks, Large Clocks, Small Clocks, Every kind of Seth Thomas Clock, And almost any kind of a Clock.

We have a great many Fancy Clocks, and articles which would not permit us to mention. We shall be pleased to have EVERYBODY come and see our stock and prices before they buy. We are sure you will find them a much larger assortment of any particular line of goods they want to see, than all other jewelry stores in Decatur combined, and will guarantee our prices to be as low as any.

We also make a specialty of Watch, Clock and jewelry.

REPAIRING,

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Our Repair Department will still be under the personal care of our senior member, Mr. Otto E. Curtis, who has had charge of the Watch department over 10 years here at the same stand. ALL GOODS SOLD BY US WILL BE ENGRAVED FREE OF CHARGE. Call and see us.

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SLIPPERS

FOR THE

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## HOME TALENT.

The Entertainment at Mason Hall Last Night for the Benefit of the Poor.

The section of the Social Entertainment Club in charge of Mrs. B. K. Durfee, Mrs. Dr. Roberts, Mrs. J. F. Mosch and Mrs. T. F. Roberts, gave an entertainment in Mason Hall, last evening, for the benefit of the poor. Only members of the club were admitted. The admission was 15 cents, and the receipts were something over \$30, which goes in the poor fund. The programme was very nicely arranged, and progressed smoothly and pleasantly to the end.

The entertainment opened with a quartette, "Sweet and Low," by the Wessels Family, (Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wessels, Fred and Charlie.)

Next came a recitation, by Miss Fannie Shellabarger, entitled "Her Letter," from Bessie Harte's poems.

"In and Out of Place," was the title of a laughter-provoking farce, the characters being taken by Messrs. Dr. A. J. Wallace and Chas. M. Allison and Mrs. Sedgwick, who exhibited great versatility and fine acting in sustaining four characters, American, French, Irish, and a "Down East." Charley was well up in stage business, and the doctor seemed to be perfectly at home, though much annoyed by his servants, whose only ambition appeared to be to bother the old man and bleed him of his wealth.

Miss Fannie Shellabarger's character song, with piano accompaniment by Miss Hollie Millikin, was perfectly splendid, the delighted audience bringing the young lady out a second time, when she sang the "Kiss Song," from Evangeline, and left the stage amidst the wildest applause.

Song—"Those Evening Bells," by the Wessels Family, Charlie singing the solos. Charlie was brought out again, when he favored the audience with a pleasing duet.

The entertainment closed with three beautiful tableaux, entitled "Demetrius," "The Fisherman's Return," and "The Father was represented by Will Roberts, the mother by Florence Carter; the child by little Carrie Griswold, and the angels who hovered around while the mother knelt beside her smiling, dreamy babe, counting her beads, were represented by Misses Lucy and Maggie Roberts, and Bertha Lynch.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.—Sig Goldstein, who was in Paris, Ill., yesterday, relates a sickening story, depicting the horrible death of Uncle Sam Berlau, a Jewish clothing merchant, which occurred in that place last evening between 4 and 5 o'clock. The old gentleman, who has resided in Paris for years, and was held in the highest esteem by his many acquaintances, had just alighted from his vehicle in front of his clothing house, and was in the act of tying his horse, when the animal became frightened at something and commenced rearing and charging wildly, throwing the old man down, stamping upon him, crushing in his skull, and mutilating his person in a frightful manner.

A large crowd gathered, and as soon as possible Mr. Berlau was taken from under the horse's heels and carried into his store, but the life of the merchant had gone out. Deceased was well known to Messrs. Goldstein, "Uncle Charley," and others of this city, who are shocked at learning of Mr. Berlau's tragic death.

A NEW COMER.—The following is from the Danville News, of yesterday, and as it may serve to introduce to our people a new comer and pave the way for his introduction to social life here, we print the paragraph:

William C. Starck leaves the city to-day to take position in the hardware store of Morsehouse & Wells, in Decatur. For the past seven years Mr. Starck has been employed by A. McDonald and C. E. Lesau & Co. in the hardware and stove business in this city. From a mere boy he has grown to manhood in the business, has shown himself efficient, polite and competent in every respect. He possesses the confidence of his old employers, and the highest esteem of this whole community. Mr. Starck will prove an acquisition to the society of Decatur, and we predict will make his mark in business circles.

THE GUARDS' SOIREE TO-NIGHT.—The last and most enjoyable social event of the year will occur at the Guards' Armory (Brennenman's Hall) to-night, when a large and fashionable assembly will dance the old year out and the new one in. This military company never fail to entertain their guests in the most hospitable manner, and those who are fortunate in being present will pass the evening very pleasantly. An elegant supper will be served from 11:00 P. M., 1878, to 12:30 A. M., 1879, at "Marlin's" popular restaurant. Jackie and Frank always do credit to themselves and honor to those whom they entertain on such occasions.

FAST FREIGHT LINE EAST.—Another fast freight line has been established, to be known as the Wabash and Erie freight line. The route will be from St. Louis to Toledo, over the Wabash; from Toledo to Mansfield, over the Northwestern; of Ohio; from Mansfield to New York, over the Atlantic & Great Western, and New York, Lake Erie & Western railroads.

SOMITUAL AUTHORITY.—In the early ages of the world perfumes were constantly used, and they have the high sanction of Scriptural authority. The patrons of perfumes at all times have been the most polished people in the world, and in this age no refined lady or gentleman considers their toilet complete without the use of some delightful scent like Dr. Price's Unique Perfumes, which are really the gems of all odors.

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**MORSEHOUSE & WELLS.**

**THE MEETING** at the 1st M. E. church, this morning, was the best so far held.

**THERE WILL** be prayer meeting to-night from 6 to 7, and preaching at 7, to which all are invited. There will be a special New Year's meeting held at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. All the services are brief and full of interest and profit, and much real good is being accomplished.

**CLOSED.**—Ollie Belzer's opera house restaurant is no more, the proprietor having settled up his affairs and quit business.

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**LADIES' CLOAKS**—cheap—at Goldburg's.

## CUTTING AFFRAY AT HERVEY CITY.

Further Particulars of the Affair.

From Sheriff Forsthyer we gather the following additional particulars in regard to the difficulty between Tucker and Sterrett at Hervey City yesterday.

The Sheriff brought Tucker with him to town last night and lodged him in jail. Tucker tells the story about as follows: He claims that Sterrett had made some remarks about him and his family that were not very complimentary, and that yesterday at Hervey City he saw Sterrett passing his house in a buggy, and calling to him demanded a retraction. An altercation ensued in which Sterrett fired at Tucker, putting a ball through the shoulder of his coat, just grazing the skin, and another through the coat sleeve just below the elbow which cut quite a little gash in the arm. In return Tucker drew a knife on Sterrett, cutting an ugly gash in the shoulder and another on the arm, and one blow of the knife divided Sterrett's hat and just grazed the side of his head. Had the blow fallen a quarter of an inch further to the right Sterrett's head would have been literally split open. Tucker also had a narrow escape from a fatal pistol shot. The latter is now in jail and his case will be brought before the grand jury. Perhaps Sterrett's story may change the complexion of the affair.

STILL LATENT.—This forenoon Capt. O. L. Kendall, of Milan, gave us a somewhat different version of the affair. Saying that Tucker first fired at Sterrett and then Sterrett at him. Capt. Kendall also represents that the people of the vicinity lay the blame on Tucker and exonerate Sterrett. Mrs. Sterrett was in the buggy with her husband when the affair took place.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Mamie Kinney has returned from a pleasant visit to friends at Terre Haute.

The Messrs May and Jennie Rogers left on the Midland this noon for Marion, where they will spend New Years with the friends of their childhood.

Mrs. W. H. Linn and Mrs. T. B. Blackstone will receive calls at the residence of W. H. Linn, on West Main street.

W. W. Swearingen, the druggist, left for Springfield yesterday, on political and private business.

Mrs. J. F. Wolgamot, of Springfield, arrived in the city at noon to-day, and is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Race.

Miss Maud Capps, of Mt. Pulaski, will spend New Years in Decatur, the guest of Mrs. Wm P. Shade.

Brown Whitsel, who is in the employ of the Wabash railway at East St. Louis, departed for that place yesterday. He has been spending Christmas week at home.

Hon. J. G. Cannon, of Danville, was in the city for a few hours last evening, and called at the REPUBLICAN office. He will spend New Years at home, and will leave for Washington, D. C., on Jan. 2d.

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**MR. M. R. DAVIDSON**, formerly a law student with Nelson & Roby, has associated himself with H. M. Minor for the practice of law, at Monticello, the style of the firm being Minor & Davidson.

Mike Einstein is still in the city, and has some idea of remaining. He has no intention of running away, having no debts to run away from, and no difficulties of any kind to avoid.

Clare V. Park, son of Vigil Park, is alarmingly ill with typhoid fever at his home on West William street. He was taken on Thursday last and has been growing worse ever since. His life was despaired of this morning, but later intelligence is more encouraging.

DEPUTIES ROUGHLY HANDLED.—After the escape of Sam Chambers and John Geddis from the halls of justice yesterday, as indicated in the REPUBLICAN of that date, Mr. William Chew and David Shoemaker were deputized and furnished with warrants for the arrest and return of the boys. Thus armed with legal documents, they went in pursuit of the fugitives, and when about two miles south of town the fellows they were looking for rushed out upon them from the brush, with another fellow to help, and seizing the men who held the warrants for their arrest, gave them rather rough handling, and then lit out for parts unknown.

ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.—The children of Jones' Chapel will have their Christmas festivities to-night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The programme is varied, embracing vocal music, literary exercises, speech-making, etc., etc. Later on the children will receive presents from a large tree beautifully laden with choice sweetmeats, and such other articles as cannot but fill the hearts of the little folks with rapturous delight. The gifts will be distributed with a lavish hand, and all members of the school, as well as the public generally, are cordially invited to be present. Admission free.

PARTY IN THE COUNTRY.—About 10 couple met last evening at the residence of Mrs. Fearn, on North Jackson street, and started in sleighs and sleds for the house of Joe Alexander, about 4 miles northeast of thence accompanied by the Italian band. The party was made up of the following: Ed. Johnson, Jessie Stevens, Joe Alexander, Cora King, Harry Ehrman, Notie Large, Sherry Tupper, Ed. Priest, Ed. Priest, Bina Hatch, Win Fearn, Louie McKenzie, Arthur Alexander, Etta Hale, Will Hinkle, Anna Burgess, Hewson Baldwin and Minnie Waggoner. The evening was passed in dancing, and at 11 o'clock all partook of a bountiful and elegant supper. All had a splendid time and Joe's guests will long remember their hospitable reception and entertainment.

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**MORSEHOUSE & WELLS.**

## WHERE TO GO.

Of Interest to Callers.

For the convenience of gentlemen who intend to make calls to-morrow we publish the following list of ladies who will "keep open house."

Mrs. J. R. Race and daughter, assisted by Mrs. J. F. Wolgamot, of Springfield, Mrs. J. A. Close, Mrs. C. L. Griswold, Miss Alexander, of St. Louis, Miss Fannie Shellabarger, Miss Chambers and Miss Bering, will receive calls on New Year's Day from one to eight.

Mrs. George F. Wessels, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Mosser, Miss Maggie Mosser, Mrs. Hilman, Mrs. Dumont and Mrs. Sloan, will receive calls from one to six, corner Eldorado and Jackson streets.

Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger and daughter, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Shellabarger, Misses Stella Miller, Emma Bradsky, Notie Large and Bettie Ehrman, will receive calls from twelve to seven.

Mrs. C. A. Ewing, Miss Jessie Gillett, Miss Pickrell, Miss Emma Pickrell, Miss Ewing and Miss Roberts, will receive calls with Mr. E. A. Jones and daughters.

Mrs. Judge Greer, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Abbott, together with Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs. Moffit, Miss Kessler, of Delphi, Ind., Miss Nellie Johns, Miss Lonie Rosette, of Springfield, and Miss Nellie Durfee, will entertain their friends on New Year's day from one to eight o'clock.

Mrs. James Haworth will receive from 2 to 9 P. M., assisted by Mrs. S. D. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Holliday, Mrs. Theo. Nelson, Misses Lena and Louie Hinkle, Nettie Alderson, Lucy Irwin and Mattie Dressbach.

Messrs. D. S. Shellabarger, M. P. Murphy, H. W. Hill, C. M. Imboden and F. Priest, assisted by about forty ladies, whose names are "too numerous to mention," will receive calls on New Year's day and evening, at the Tabernacle, from 9 A. M., until 12 at night.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.—Miss Nanale McCoy, one of the sewing girls in the employ of Miss J. M. Easton, the dressmaker, turned over a burning lamp in her room over Hubbard & Swearingen's drug store, last evening about 5 o'clock, and in a moment the burning fluid was blazing up the room as if everything inside was on fire. The light attracted the attention of the people on the streets, who rushed up the stairway to the rescue of the inmates. With remarkable presence of mind, Miss Easton grasped a shawl and bravely smothered the flames and extinguished the fire. A REPUBLICAN reporter visited the scene this morning, and found the carpet where the lamp had fallen badly scorched, but, further than this, no damage was done. With the carpeted floor and gauzy material hanging about the room, it is a splendid place for a fire to get a good start, and had not the flames been so suddenly and effectually checked a terrible conflagration would have taken place. Had the fire communicated with the drug store below, it would have been good-bye to that block, which many of our readers will remember was destroyed by the twenty years ago.

Y. M. C. A.—The annual meeting for election of officers, reports of committees of work done the past year, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the rooms of the Association, 26 Merchants street, at 7:30 this (Tuesday) evening. All members are requested to attend, and the public is also cordially invited.

THRO. COLEMAN, Sec.

CORRECTION.—We desire to say that at the time of the escape of the prisoners Geddis and Chambers from Justice Wood's office Mr. Pringle was not present. He had been out to assist Constable Carter in making the arrests but was not in the office.

Big Fat Oysters.—One dozen, in any style, only 25 cents; half dozen, only 15 cents, at THE OYSTER BAY.

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If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHELLABARGER'S.

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TEMPERANCE

FAIR AND FESTIVAL

For the Benefit of the Tabernacle, commencing

Tuesday, Dec. 31,

And Continuing Three Days and

Three Nights.

Admission, 10 Cents.

Dinners and Suppers, including Oysters,

25 Cents.

Proceeds of the Fair to go toward liquidating the debt on the Tabernacle.

ATTRACTIONS:

The following articles have been secured and will be disposed of by lot or tickets.

ONE OAKLAND STOVE, from Morsehouse & Wells, \$25.00.

ONE GOLD-HEADED CANE, from W. H. Abbott, (to be voted to the most popular lawyer in Decatur) \$20.00.

ONE SILVER WATER SET, from Curtis & Ewing, \$20.00.

ONE CHAMBER SET, from Poldecoor & Burrows, \$20.00.

ONE PATENT ROCKING CHAIR, from Poldecoor & Burrows, \$20.00.

ONE SET MINK FURS, donated by Hayes & Hartshorn, \$20.00.

One donation by Lane & Scruggs.

The Secretary and Treasurer are to be voted to the Fair Companies—the one receiving the most votes to receive the Secretary, and the other the Treasurer.

Numerous other articles will be on exhibition and for sale, particulars of which will be given hereafter.

The grandest season of the year is expected. Let all come out. By order of the

Dec. 28—411 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

## CURTIS AND EWING, THE JEWELERS.

Have completed their elegant improvements at their old stand, and now offer to the public the LARGEST and MOST EXTENSIVE STOCK in every department, in the State of Illinois, outside of Chicago.

We have spared no pains to make our stock complete, and trust, by honest dealing, and by sustaining our **PAST REPUTATION FOR LOW PRICES**, and no misrepresentation, to find Decatur will sustain a

"REGULAR" JEWELRY STORE.

Our stock consists of a nice line of

DIAMONDS,

IN EAR RINGS SOLITAIRE RINGS

SOLITAIRE STUDS & CLUSTER RINGS

Very Large Stock of

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches,

" " Silver Watches,

" " Gold Chains,

" " Plated Chains,

" " Gold Lockets,

Ladies' Gold Necklaces,

" Gold Thimbles,

" Gold & Silver Glove Buttons

" Fine Gold Sets,

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Rings—

Plain, Chased, Band, and all other styles of Stone Rings.

FINE LINE OF PLATED SETS

Elegant line of Gold and Plated Cuff Pins, Cuff Buttons, Vest Pins, Shawl Pins, Bow Tie Pins, Lace Pins, Safety Pins, Ladies' and Children's Hair Rings, Gold and Plated Collar Buttons, Shirt Pins, Scarf Rings, Single Studs, Sets of Studs, and Cuff Buttons. Our

SILVERWARE

DEPARTMENT

Is complete this time, consisting of

Silver Tea Sets,

" Water Sets,

" Waiters,

" Epergnes,

" Fruit Dishes,

" Berry Dishes with Glass,

" Nut Bowls,

" Confectionery Stands,

" Jewel Caskets,

" Toilet Sets,

" Cake Baskets,

" Butter Dishes,

" Bowls for broken ice,

" Card Stands,

" Pickle Stands,

" Jelly Stands,

" Flower Vases,

" Celery Stands,

" Perfume Stands,

" Watch Stands,

" Mounted Thermometers,

As well as most elegant array of Cutlery and Napkin Rings in endless variety.

In Silver Goods, with Moravian Bathing Cases, our stock is unsurpassed. It consists of

Silver Pie Knives,



